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1. PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR ANTONIO: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
OF JUNE 4 AND YOUR KIND WORDS REGARDING OUR PROPOSAL FOR
BRINGING ABOUT A RESUMPTION OF THE MULTILATERAL PRODUCER/
CONSUMER DIALOGUE. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR MORE
DETAILED ANALYSIS AT A LATER DATE.

I AM PLEASED THAT WE AGREE ON THE NEED TO APPROACH THE
TASK OF REINVIGORATING THE DIALOGUE WITH A SPIRIT OF CON-
CILIATION AND INNOVATION. THIS WILL FACILITATE THE RECON-
CILIATION OF DIFFERING VIEWS AND THE CREATION OF APPRO-
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PRIATE MECHANISMS FOR COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE

FUTURE WORK. THIS IS THE AIM OF OUR PROPOSAL, WHICH ENVISIONS, AS YOU KNOW, A NEW PREPARATORY MEETING TO ESTABLISH THREE SEPARATE COMMISSIONS TO DEAL WITH THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, AND PROBLEMS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES.

IN YOUR LETTER YOU SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN THE ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE OTHER TWO COMMISSIONS. WE DO NOT VIEW THE COMMISSIONS AS UNEQUAL IN IMPORTANCE; WE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR EACH OF THEM. BUT SINCE THE COMMISSIONS WILL DEAL WITH DIFFERENT PROBLEMS, THEY SHOULD STRUCTURE THEIR WORK IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO YIELD THE MOST PRODUCTIVE RESULTS EVEN IF THIS MEANS THEY WILL NOT HAVE IDENTICAL MANDATES AND MEMBERSHIP. THE COMMISSIONS CLEARLY WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ON-GOING WORK IN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND SEEK TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM IN ORDER TO COMPLEMENT AND SUPPLEMENT THEIR WORK. SINCE THERE IS NO EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ENERGY ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES BOTH OIL EXPORTING AND OIL IMPORTING NATIONS, WE BELIEVE THE ENERGY COMMISSION WILL EVOLVE INTO A PRINCIPAL FORUM FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO INCREASED PRODUCER/CONSUMER COOPERATION ON ENERGY AND ENERGY-RELATED MATTERS.

YOU MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT FRICTION MIGHT ARISE BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONS AND THE MULTILATERAL AGENCIES ALREADY ENGAGED IN SIMILAR WORK. SUCH A PROBLEM WOULD OCCUR ONLY IF THE NEW COMMISSIONS TRY TO SUPPLANT THE EXISTING BODIES--A SITUATION OUR PROPOSAL EXPLICITLY IS DESIGNED TO AVOID. WE EXPECT THE COMMISSIONS ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS TO PROVIDE STRONG NEW IMPETUS FOR ACCELERATING THE PACE OF THE WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY; THEY SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DUPLICATE THIS WORK OR COMPETE WITH IT. THESE COMMISSIONS SHOULD FOCUS PRIMARILY ON THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT ARE IMPEDING PROGRESS AND SEEK, THROUGH FULL AND CANDID DISCUSSIONS, TO BUILD THE UNDERSTANDING NECESSARY TO OVERCOME THESE OBSTACLES. AS I NOTED ABOVE, THE ENERGY COMMISSION HAS NO EXISTING COUNTERPART. THUS, IT

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WOULD SERVE AS A NUCLEUS FOR CONTINUING COOPERATIVE DIALOGUE AMONG OPEC MEMBERS, IEA MEMBERS AND OTHER OIL CONSUMING NATIONS.

I HOPE THIS ELABORATION OF OUR IDEAS WILL BE USEFUL IN YOUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF OUR PROPOSAL. I HAVE ASKED UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TO TRAVEL TO BRASILIA AT AN EARLY DATE TO DISCUSS OUR PROPOSAL IN GREATER DETAIL

AND TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS. THE EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE WITH
THE FOREIGN OFFICE FOR THE PRECISE TIMING FOR THE TRIP.

I REMAIN CONVINCED, AS I AM SURE YOU DO ALSO, THAT
THE MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL

NATIONS AND SHOULD BE RESUMED AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THIS IMPOR-
TANT SUBJECT. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END
QUOTE. KISSINGER

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